

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Office Action of September 10 2002 had a shortened statutory time set to expire on October 10, 2002. A one-month extension, until November 10, 2002 is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$110 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis

Respectfully submitted,


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